

Declaring insurgency in North East as national problem

1214. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any intention to declare the North East insurgent problem as a national problem like that of J&K;

(b) whether the State Government have not recommended to the Centre to declare it as a national issue;

(c) what are the reasons for Government should not imposing the combined force combat to the militant activities; and

(d) the reasons for not declaring the North East insurgency problem as a national problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (d) There have been requests from the Government of North Eastern States to declare the militancy situation in the North Eastern States as a national problem. Central Government treats the problem of militancy in the North East as an issue of national importance as, indeed, it treats other major issues in the country, including militancy in J&K.

Central Government is committed to deal with the militancy situation in the North Eastern States effectively. The key elements of the Government's strategy to combat anti-national forces active in the North Eastern Region include, *inter-alia*, focussed efforts to counter the militants propaganda; modernisation of the State Police so that it can play a key role in countering the militants / terrorists; removal of any sense of neglect, discrimination or alienation felt by the people through a carefully drawn up programme of socio-economic development schemes; focus on need for sustained political initiative to tackle the political problem; and drawing up a co-ordinated Action Plan to tackle militancy/terrorism through synergisation of the efforts of State Police / Army/ Central Para Military Forces.

Trifurcation of J&K

1215. SHRI KUSHOK THIKSEY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that large section of people in Laddakh and Jammu regions felt neglected by the successive Governments in State of J&K;